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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing on Soviet Chemical Weapons Program for
Congressional Staffer Mark Kirk

25X1 1. On 13 May 1985, Mark Kirk, a member of the staff of
25X1 Rep. John Porter (R., IL), was briefed on the Soviet Chemical
25X1 Weapons (CW) program by [redacted] Office of Imagery Analysis;
25X1 [redacted] Office of Soviet Analysis; and
25X1 [redacted] National Photographic Interpretation Center. Mr.
25X1 Kirk sought the briefing in behalf of Rep. Porter, who is a
25X1 Member of the Appropriations Committee, and will vote shortly
25X1 on DOD requests for funding for enhancing the U.S. CW
25X1 capability. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] The briefing took place in 3C28 from 1415 to 1600 at the
25X1 TOP SECRET level. [redacted]

25X1 2. Mr. Kirk stated that he was seeking [redacted] opinion
25X1 regarding estimates and analysis advanced by [redacted]
25X1 Soviet CW program. He said he considered DOD estimates to be
25X1 excessive and unsupported by adequate evidence. The briefers
25X1 acknowledged analytic differences within the Intelligence
25X1 Community [redacted]

25X1 3. Mr. Kirk asked for responses to a number of questions
25X1 and the briefing revolved around these topics. The briefing
25X1 touched on various estimates of Soviet CW stockpiles; the
25X1 [redacted]

25X1 4. Mr. Kirk expressed full satisfaction with the content
25X1 of the briefing and appeared to gain a better understanding of
25X1 [redacted]

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25X1 why differences of opinion regarding this sensitive topic are
25X1 prevalent within the Intelligence Community. There were no
follow-up matters. [redacted]

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